

Wycombe set crowd limit for glory bid

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WITH cup fever running high in the town, amateurs Wycombe Wanderers have set a gate limit of 15,000 for their FA Cup Second Round tie against Peterborough today.

When that limit is reached they will close the gates. More than 10,000 tickets have already been sold.

Wycombe, fourth in the Isthmian League, rank their giant-killing bid against the Fourth Division leaders as probably the toughest assignment in the club's 79-year history.

Support

Wycombe have figured in the FA Cup second round only twice before and have never reached the third round.

Injuries have dogged them. In addition to centre-forward Keith

Searle and international full-back Derek Gamblin, they will also probably be without defender Rob Williams, who has a groin injury.

But their 6ft striker Dylan Evans is expected to be fit after sustaining a shin injury in his debut for Wales against England last week. Possible substitute is Tony Price an England youth team choice.

Wycombe's team manager Brian Lee said: "If we play as well as we did against Newport in the first round, it will certainly be a very interesting game."

Factors in Wycombe's favour are the massive support of the home crowd, their tremendous team spirit and the difficulty Peterborough may encounter in getting used to the peculiar 11ft slope of Wycombe's Loakes Park Pitch.

But Peterborough manager Noel Cantwell, taking no chances went to the extent of borrowing

a local village ground with a pronounced slope to condition his players. Peterborough expect to be at full strength.